

TAKING P. O. OUT OF POLITICS

MORE THAN 7,000 ASSISTANT
P. M.'S TO CIVIL LIST.President to Sign Such an Order Today
Congress to Be Asked to Put Second
and Third Class Postmasters in Com-
petitive Division—Paring Estimates.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. President Taft will give certain evidence to-morrow of his desire to take the Post Office Department out of the field of politics, signing an executive order which will put between 7,000 and 8,000 assistant postmasters of money order offices in the civil service list. This is now the first step in the beginning of the reform President Taft and Postmaster-General Hitchcock have decided to undertake. It will be followed by a recommendation from the President to Congress for legislation that will put all second and third class postmasters under civil service protection.

The President in acting on the assistant postmasters to-morrow, and also in recommending sweeping reforms to Congress, will be following the advice of Postmaster-General Hitchcock. It is pretty generally recognized now that Mr. Hitchcock's sole ambition is to make the postal service a self-supporting business. Legislation by Congress putting the second and third class postmasters under the civil service has been part of the policy that Mr. Hitchcock has followed to accomplish this end.

The Post Office Department has been working around the case that demands by Congress for changes in second and third class post offices were made for political reasons only. That those demands were to be resisted when the reforms of the postmasters are good is the stand Mr. Hitchcock has taken.

Postmasters put in the civil list in the future will receive a promise after competitive examination. The fourth class offices in many of the most populous States were put in the civil list by President Roosevelt and have remained there since. There has been some dissatisfaction found with the working of the civil service system in this grade of offices, because the salaries paid are so low that only a comparatively small number of candidates enter the examinations. In the case of the second and third class offices, however, this difficulty would not be encountered.

At the beginning of the present fiscal year there were 1,290 second class post offices and postmasters and 3,369 third class post offices and postmasters. In the event of favorable action by Congress more than 7,000 would be added to the civil service list exclusive of the 7,000 or 8,000 assistant postmasters that will be brought in by President Taft's executive order to-morrow.

The President's order will affect the offices of all the big cities, where in years gone by the distribution of patronage has been a very considerable political asset. Postmaster-General Hitchcock's friends describe him as very much elated over the prospect that he will not have to meddle in politics for the next two years in the running of his department.

The attitude of Congress toward the postal reform is uncertain. There was objection when President Roosevelt took away the fourth class offices from the patronage lists, but since then many Representatives have expressed the opinion that the distribution of postmasterhips was a source of endless trouble for them and it would be better for their political welfare if they did not have to meddle with them.

The postal reform was one of the subjects discussed at today's cabinet meeting. The rest of the day's cabinet session was taken up in going over the estimates of the several departments for the coming year. Paring was done on all estimates, and although the process is not completed yet President Taft and his advisers have strong hopes of being able to keep the estimates somewhere near last year's figures.

The President and his official family will spend another full day and probably longer in going over the estimates. Mr. Taft is greatly concerned over the question of economy and intends to bend every effort to make the results conform to his program.

STOLEN HORSE PAINTED.

Police Think They've Hired a Fence for Hay Thieves.

Three Italians who were held by Magistrate Hoffman in the Tombs police court yesterday on the charge of horse stealing, and a fence, the police say, and paid \$500 for the stolen horse. The men are Giovanni Zito, Matteo Corio, and Antonio Baraso. The larceny of a horse, wagon and harness worth \$450 belonging to R. L. Tins of 29 Harrison street is charged.

The outfit, which disappeared on Saturday, was found at Torre's place in Brooklyn, the wagon from Torre's place and the horse in a disguise of striped mane and painted white. Torre, a Dakota aviator, whom they traced the property, alleges that Torre said Zito gave it to him to sell. Torre was to give the part of the owner. The police say Torre tried to sell the masked outfit to a Brooklyn butcher for \$200.

The police are looking for the owners of three other horses and a wagon that they got from Torre.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. The collier Vestal and submarine Salmon have arrived at navy yard, New York; the cruiser Prairie at North River, the battleship Minnesota, Idaho, Mississippi, Vermont, Nebraska, Rhode Island and Virginia, and the hospital ship Solace at Hampton Roads, the tug Standish at Norfolk, the battleship Michigan at navy yard, New York, the battleship North Dakota at Norfolk, the cruiser Des Moines at Las Palmas, Canarys, the cruiser Wolverine at Erie, and the battleship Georgia at Hampton Roads.

The submarine Viper has sailed from Annapolis for Norfolk, the collier Lebanon from Delaware Breakwater for Norfolk, the gunboat Vicksburg from Corinth to Panama, the cruiser Wolverine from Buffalo for Erie, the battleship Connecticut from Hampton Roads for New York, the battleship Delaware from Hampton Roads for Philadelphia, the tender Jackson and supply boat Algon from Hampton Roads for New York, the cruiser Ohio from Newport for New York, the gunboat Yorktown from Esmeraldas, Ecuador, for Bahia de Caraquez, Ecuador, and the cruiser Washington from Talcahuano for Puerto Argos.

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

However much milliners may admire the plumage of the peacock and however much they may desire the money it brings, superstition prevents many of them from using it.

"Rather than give peacock feathers to my room I would lose my last customer," one milliner declared. "I have done it more than once. Women who want their own materials made up have brought peacock trimmings, and when I positively refused to handle it they went away angry and looked for somebody else to work up their peacock feathers. But no doubt they had a long chase, because two-thirds of the milliners feel just as I do about peacock feathers."

"But why?" asked a woman who carried a peacock feather in her hand bag. "It's bad luck, that's why," said the milliner.

"In the matter of good resolutions, September can put it all over the lot of January," said the gray-headed man. "Every person you meet at the end of the vacation season has resolved to do something big during the coming year. The novelist is going to write the book of the year, the woman who has acquired a wrinkle or two that won't come off is bound to get married, and the factory hand who does piece work is going to turn out a few more shirts or waists a week. Everybody, in fact, is going to devote himself to hard work in his particular line."

"There is a sincerity about these September resolutions that is lacking in January resolutions," the New Yorker says. "They are made to reform because they think they ought to, in September they do it because they want to. September resolutions last longer than any other kind; they have the moral influence of a vacation to back them up. Once I kept a full resolution for two months. This year I shall try to make it true, and I trust that others with more moral backbone than I have will make their reform permanent."

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children receives far more complaints of the abuse of children in the summer than in the winter.

"And this in spite of the fact that there is a great deal more suffering, abuse and neglect among the poor in winter than in summer," remarked an agent of that society. "But in cold weather the windows are closed and alert neighbors with a strong scent for other people's misdoings are not in so good a position to know what is going on. In summer, however, Mrs. Neighbor has numerous opportunities to write anonymous letters to the society saying that such and such a child is being beaten because she has heard it cry."

"This is the time of year when our city is full of tall young girls," said a New Yorker with daughters of his own. "Never saw anything like the coming generation of girls for being taller than their mothers and often taller than their fathers too." The opening of the private schools here in the city and in the vicinity of New York brings an avalanche of these tall youngsters to the hotels just at this time each year until it is really noticeable how much taller they are than girls that were a year or two ago.

A boy of these young things in the lobby of a big hotel last evening, and if you'll believe me out of a group of five there wasn't one under 5 feet 9. One was 5 feet 10 and the tallest one measured a full 6 feet. Most of these tall girls are built on the coldest order and will fill out later on, but they're not all slim by any means. One statuesque girl of 18 owned up to tipping the scales at 145. She had been so well trained that she wasn't allowed to eat anything but a small dinner, and she simply gave out the impression of a magnificent, well-groomed, up-to-date statue. I can't help thinking how things have changed."

"Even in these days of hurry there are people who take time to write courteous letters that they are not required to write," said a department store manager. "Here is a bookful of them. They were written by shoppers who have felt grateful for the careful attention of some clerk, and expressed their appreciation by calling our attention to her efficiency. The young woman who is now head of our shoe department secured her position through the strength of these letters. She could give points to job on patience. No customer was ever too cranky, too fickle minded for her to labor over, and finally they brought about the purchase of a new pair of shoes for her. After all her cheerful kindness, and wrote letters to the house afterward exclaiming 'What a wonderful girl!'"

Even for a hotel employee it was a risky use to put money to. He sat in a subway car polishing the smooth brass handle of a pocket knife. So vigorous were his movements that passengers steeped in newspapers aroused themselves to watch. They couldn't see what he was polishing with, but whatever it was the buttons speedily took on a mighty lustre. By and by the young man seemed satisfied with his work and he held in a tiny green bag which he had held in the palm of his hand and spread it out in his knee. The patent polisher was a \$2 bill.

DEMURRAGE CHANGE PUT OFF.

New England Roads May Not Put Two Day Clause Into Effect Yet.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. Railroads in New England will not be allowed for the present to reduce the time of free demurrage allowed on freight cars. All the carriers in New England gave notice that after October 1 in New England territory only two days would be allowed as free demurrage on freight cars instead of four days as at present. The shipping interests and commercial organizations of New England have made strong protests against the proposed reduction. The Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered the carriers to suspend the proposed change in rules regarding free demurrage pending investigation as to the reasonableness of the change.

Terre Haute in 1910 and Some Others.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. The Census Bureau to-day gave out the population figures of the following cities:

	1910	1900
Terre Haute, Ind.	34,157	26,673
Newton, Mass.	20,498	18,367
Norwell, Mass.	77,526	61,643
Easton, Pa.	28,525	25,728
Northampton, Pa.	24,900	24,339
York, Pa.	44,750	33,704
Chillicothe, Wis.	30,992	28,251

Army and Navy Orders.

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Capt. Ralph S. Granger, quartermaster, from Washington, D. C., to Fort Lyon, Colo. The following changes in the stations and duties of officers of the Medical Reserve Corps are ordered:

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PERSIFLAGE OF SPOOKLAND

SUBMITTED IN COURT IN THE THOMPSON WILL CASE.

Further Communications Read From Mrs. Funk's Big Black Book. The Cut off Widow Testifies. Mr. Edison in Court, but Not Called to the Witness Stand.

Ghosts are too good natured for anything if the impressions received and committed to paper by Mrs. Marlon A. Funk really came out of the spirit world, as she maintained yesterday against a searching examination before Surrogate Ketchum in Brooklyn. She had never seen, felt or heard any of the frolicsome spooks that possessed her mind when it was otherwise blank, but she remembered them as from a dream. At least one of them was surprisingly happy, considering the reputation he left in the world. He addressed Bob in a easy and intimate fashion that suggested a spiritual slap on the back. Even Mrs. Funk expressed surprise when she came out of her trance and read this:

"Hello Bob, can old villain? How are you over there?"

Bob was supposed to be Mrs. Funk's brother and the spook a dead friend whose behavior on earth had led some strait-laced people to expect an entirely different kind of cry from him. No wonder that most of the other communications were radiant and satisfactory. One in particular says that "Muzzie is getting along finely and is as happy as a lark." Another assures the medium that "Muzzie is in good condition, the weather is clear and bright."

In the big black book that holds the records of Mrs. Funk's voluminous impressions are several communications which are unaccounted for, but are full of helpful promises and touches of romance. Here are a few samples.

"I tell you, Marlon, we will have great times together."

"Heard dear, you would laugh if you could see the time we are having around you."

"Did you feel me with you last night when you played 'Love's Old Sweet Song'? Now you know, and you played that great."

From all accounts the spirits of Mrs. Funk's acquaintance had not the least in common with those solitary and lugubrious phantoms hanging out in graveyards or deserted houses for times there were at least a dozen of the former distributed among the living, chatting about trifles and even describing their relative positions with regard to the rest of the company.

The one thing that used to throw the spirits into confusion and disapproving state was the fact that Robert H. Thompson, the grandfather who had adopted Mrs. Funk, might marry his stepdaughter. And that is just what Mr. Thompson, which accounts for the fact that Surrogate Ketchum is being introduced to the spooks of the Thompson family. Mrs. Matelle Thompson, the former stepdaughter, says that pernicious spookish activity impelled Mrs. Thompson to cut her husband's throat.

The entertaining of the Prince of the Empire of China and brother of the Prince Regent at the White House to-night. Members of the Prince's suite included Vice-Admiral Sir Sah Chen-Ping and the Chinese Minister. All the members of the cabinet were at the dinner, and also Secretary Norton, Major Gen. Leonard Wood, Chief of Staff, Capt. Archibald W. Butt and Beekman Winthrop, Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

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CHINESE PRINCE SEES TAFT.

Much Exchanging of Galls and a Formal Dinner at the White House.

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COURT OF APPEALS CASES.

Right of City of Rochester to Make Anti-Smoke Ordinance Upheld.

ALBANY, Sept. 27. Ordinances enacted by the authorities of Rochester against the emission of black smoke from factory chimneys in that city were sustained in a decision handed down today by the Court of Appeals. The Manhattan Milling Company was fined \$25 under the ordinance in 1907 and carried the matter on appeal to the higher courts on the ground that the Rochester charter did not confer power to pass such an ordinance.

The Shuberts won out through a decision of the Court of Appeals to-day in the litigation which was brought against them by Frank L. Perley, a co-owner of \$25,000 damages for alleged loss of contract, the Court affirming judgment of the lower courts dismissing the complaint.

Perley said the Shuberts had agreed prior to May 1, 1907, for a five year period to set aside for him six good routes covering all the business of the city which were under the Shuberts' control, for the production of whatever attractions Perley might desire. The Shuberts contended that the routes had been made ready for Perley, but never had been demanded by him. On a former trial of the action Perley recovered a verdict of \$25,000 which was afterward reversed by the Appellate Division.

The Court of Appeals to-day affirmed the life sentence given to Grover Cleveland Poole in Sing Sing in 1908 on conviction of murder, second degree, for the killing of James O'Hara at Port Washington, L. I. Poole was an illiterate, 29 years old, and had been living with the sister of O'Hara. When O'Hara disappeared the sister made a statement that Poole had confessed to her that he had killed him.

MRS. MURRAY'S WARD.

She Will Put Up a Further Fight to Keep Little Kenneth Williams.

There was a new turn yesterday in the action against Mrs. Sara Van Allen Murray of East Orange, N. J., to compel her to return to St. Mary's Orphanage in Providence, R. I., six-year-old Kenneth Williams, whom she adopted. In behalf of Mrs. Murray application was made to leave open a decree made by Vice-Chancellor Howell directing the return of the child. The Court fixed next Wednesday as the day for a hearing.

The Vice-Chancellor decided that the boy should be returned to the orphanage because of the alleged profligacy of the income of the Murrays. Only a little testimony was brought out at the hearing on this point. John R. Hardin, counsel for Mrs. Murray, said that he desired an opportunity to supplement the testimony already adduced with a view to satisfying the Court as to the sufficiency of the Murrays' means. He said that Mrs. Murray stood ready to give a bond to make the boy's future secure. On application to a further delay was made by Thomas L. Raymond, counsel for the orphanage.

Mrs. Kingston's Sight Failing.

Mrs. Kingston, who arrived yesterday with her granddaughter, Edith Gould, by the North German Lloyd liner Kaiser Wilhelm II., was led to an automobile by an attendant. Her eyesight is seriously affected and she fears that she will lose it. She will spend the autumn and winter in Toronto.

SUFFRAGE POLITICS GO ON.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont Has Joined the Work. Convention, but no Parade.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont has joined the woman suffrage party. She is planning to take an active part in the political work of the Twenty-second Assembly district, where Dr. Anna Van Shubert is leader. Mrs. Belmont has placed her office at 205 Fifth avenue at the disposal of the party until after election, and has promised to contribute a "suffrage settlement house" in the district in the near future.

She is particularly interested just at present in the opening of the headquarters at the "Suffrage Branch" of her Political Equality Association, at 84 West 11th street.

Miss L. L. Moorman is the leader of this branch and has worked hard to run its membership list up to 100. Mrs. Belmont told the colored suffragettes last spring that when there were 100 of them they wouldn't have to worry about finding places in which to meet.

Another evidence of their president's pride in them was her refusal to take part in the great October parade unless a prominent place in the line was given to this particular group of suffragettes. But it's all off now. There won't be any parade. Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, who has been publicly agent for the reform since early in the summer, called a committee meeting yesterday and announced that the march for franchise must be deferred until spring.

We must devote our time to legislative work," she said, "and forego the making of banners until the politicians of State have recognized our existence." The organizers of the ballot have not, however, given up their convention, which is scheduled for October 28, in Carnegie Hall, and at which there will be testimony from every Assembly district in the five boroughs.

They will have a temporary chairman and a permanent chairman and all the conventional accessories, including a bard and roll call and a party platform. Mrs. Catt will undoubtedly be chosen permanent chairman, and Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. Belmont, Mrs. Blatch and Mrs. Ida Husted Harper will all sit on the platform.

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MISS RUSSELL DENIES.

Not Her Car That Hurt Fitzgerald of Schenectady, She Says.

SCHENECTADY, Sept. 27.—James J. Barry, attorney for William Fitzgerald of this city, who is said to have received injuries by being run into by the automobile of Miss Lillian Russell, to-day received an answer from Miss Russell's attorney.

In it Miss Russell denies that the automobile was owned by her or that she was in it at the time the accident occurred, and that the driver was in her employ.

She also sets up as a distinct and separate defense that if Fitzgerald was run down it was through his own negligence and that she is in no way accountable for the accident.